

Senate Study Bill 1001 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON MATHIS)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a dementia proficient workforce task force.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEMENTIA PROFICIENT WORKFORCE TASK FORCE.

2 1. The departments of public health, aging, human services,
3 and inspections and appeals shall form a collaborative task
4 force with affected industry, educational, professional, and
5 consumer groups, persons with dementia, and family members of
6 persons with dementia to develop standard competency-based
7 dementia curricula and training models for all individuals
8 delivering direct care and services across the entire spectrum
9 of the disease and through the continuum of care in all
10 settings in which individuals with dementia may seek services
11 and care. The standards shall reflect different training
12 strategies for different settings, levels of skill, and
13 licensure, but shall provide for an integrated system of care
14 that is person-centered and coordinated.

15 2. The activities of the task force shall also include:

16 a. Reviewing existing educational and training requirements
17 across the continuum of care, reviewing existing dementia
18 proficiency curricula, and determining how best to expand and
19 utilize the existing requirements and curricula to achieve a
20 dementia proficiency across a broader care continuum.

21 b. Reviewing research and evidence-based best practices as
22 a basis for development of a dementia proficient workforce.

23 c. Working with licensing boards and establishing
24 educational training partnerships to support certification,
25 licensure, and degree programs that encourage the development
26 of competency in the provision of dementia care and services.

27 d. Determining a basic level of dementia training for all
28 trainees in health-related fields at the student, residency,
29 and ongoing professional levels.

30 e. Reviewing financial incentives for individuals providing
31 care and services across the entire spectrum of the disease to
32 diagnose, treat, coordinate care for, and provide other direct
33 services for individuals with dementia and their caregivers.

34 f. Making recommendations regarding mandatory
35 competency-based training for individuals in specific settings

1 and with different levels of skill including but not limited
2 to hospitals, nursing facilities, home health agencies, first
3 responders, physicians, nurses, and other paraprofessionals and
4 professionals.

5 3. The task force shall make recommendations to the governor
6 and the general assembly no later than November 15, 2015.

7 EXPLANATION

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill directs the departments of public health,
11 aging, human services, and inspections and appeals to form a
12 collaborative task force with affected industry, educational,
13 professional, and consumer groups, persons with dementia, and
14 family members of persons with dementia to develop standard
15 competency-based dementia curricula and training models for
16 all individuals delivering direct care and services across
17 the entire spectrum of the disease and through the continuum
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22 that is person-centered and coordinated.

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24 including: reviewing existing educational and training
25 requirements across the continuum of care, reviewing existing
26 dementia proficiency curricula, and determining how best to
27 expand and utilize the existing requirements and curricula to
28 achieve a dementia proficiency across a broader care continuum;
29 reviewing research and evidence-based best practices as a basis
30 for development of a dementia proficient workforce; working
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32 partnerships to support certification, licensure, and degree
33 programs that encourage the development of competency in the
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4 disease to diagnose, treat, coordinate care for, and provide
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6 caregivers; and making recommendations regarding mandatory
7 competency-based training for individuals in specific settings
8 and with different levels of skill. The task force is required
9 to make recommendations to the governor and the general
10 assembly no later than November 15, 2015.